

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 27 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 24 and add new Claims 53, as follows:

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

23. (Previously Presented) The ink-jet imaged recording medium according to Claim 24, wherein a saturation in CIE-L\*a\*b\* space at a solid printed area of the colored portion is at least 50.

24. (Currently Amended) An ink-jet imaged recording medium comprising a colored portion, wherein the colored portion comprises aggregates of fine particles, each of the fine particles having a coloring material thereon by adsorption in a monomolecular state,

wherein the recording medium is a plain paper,

wherein the coloring material is anionic or cationic, and the fine particles have a polarity opposite to that of the coloring material, ~~and~~

wherein the colored portion is obtained by applying an ink containing the coloring material and a liquid composition containing the fine particles to the recording medium in such a manner that the ink and the liquid composition come in contact with each other in a liquid state; and

wherein a ratio of the coloring material to the fine particles is larger in a peripheral portion of the image than in the remaining portion of the image.

Claims 25-28 (Cancelled).

29. (Previously Presented) The ink-jet imaged recording medium according to Claim 24, wherein the fine particles have such a surface potential that an absolute value of a zeta potential in an aqueous liquid composition in which the fine particles are dispersed is 5 to 90 mV.

30. (Previously Presented) The ink-jet imaged recording medium according to Claim 24, wherein the average particle diameter of the fine particles is within a range of from 0.005 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

31. (Previously Presented) The ink-jet imaged recording medium according to Claim 24, wherein the image is of plural colors.

32. (Previously Presented) The ink-jet imaged recording medium according to Claim 31, wherein the plural colors are at least two colors selected from the group consisting of yellow, magenta, cyan, red, green, blue and black.

Claims 33-52 (Cancelled).

53. (New) The ink-jet imaged recording medium according to Claim 24,  
wherein the coloring material is anionic, and the fine particles are cationic.